

## **115<sup>th</sup> Congress Scorecard – Vote Descriptions**

### ***House***

1. **House Joint Resolution 37** – legislation to repeal the so-called “blacklisting” rule, which would have imposed problematic new reporting requirements on firms competing for federal projects, requiring firms to report both actual and *alleged* violations of federal and state labor laws. Passed the House 236-187 (Roll Call #76). ACEC supported passage.
2. **Letter to Ways & Means Committee Leaders on Highway Trust Fund Fix** – congressional sign-on letter circulated by Reps. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) to express support for including a permanent Highway Trust Fund solution in any broader tax reform proposal. ACEC asked Members of Congress to sign the letter. (253 signatories – 119 Republicans and 134 Democrats).
3. **Omnibus Appropriations Bill for FY’17** – final spending bill for Fiscal Year 2017 included increases in funding for several major infrastructure programs, and avoided the threat of a year-long “continuing resolution” with flat funding. Passed the House 309-118 ([Roll Call #249](#)). ACEC supported passage.
4. **Small Business Health Fairness Act (H.R. 1101)** – a bill introduced by Congressman Sam Johnson (R-TX) that would facilitate association health plans (AHPs) offered to members of business associations and preempt state laws that preclude insurers from offering health insurance in connection with a certified AHP. Passed the House 236-175 (Roll Call #186). ACEC supported passage.
5. **Public Buildings Renewal Act (H.R. 960)** – a bill introduced by Congressman Mike Kelly (R-PA) that would authorize \$5 billion in private activity bonds for municipal public buildings, such as schools, courthouses, libraries, and public safety facilities. ACEC supports cosponsorship (28 cosponsors).
6. **FY’18 Omnibus Appropriations Bill** – final spending bill for FY’18 included increases in funding for several major infrastructure programs, and also included ACEC-requested language adopted in the House and Senate that urges the US Agency for International Development (USAID) to “increase the use of United States professional engineers and architects in the design, build, and oversight of construction projects funded by this Act.” The bill also directs the agency to report on progress made to correct problems cited in a 2014 construction assessment report, which highlighted, among other issues, the lack of proper engineering oversight of agency construction projects. Passed the House 256-167 ([Roll no. 127](#)). ACEC supported passage.
7. **Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (H.R. 1)** – legislation to reform the federal tax code and provide balanced tax relief to C corporations and passthrough firms, including S corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships. The final version of the bill, now law, includes ACEC-backed language to ensure that A/E passthrough firms have full access to the new

20% tax deduction. Passed the House 204 – 201 (Roll Call #699). ACEC supported passage.

8. **FAA Reauthorization** – Reauthorizes federal aviation programs and airport funding for five years, including a new \$1 billion annual discretionary grant program for small and medium-sized airports; an expansion of QBS requirements on airports using AIP funds at any stage of a project; and, favorable provisions to expand the commercial uses of unmanned aircraft systems. The final bill also includes the Disaster Recovery Reform Act to reform FEMA programs to increase focus on pre-disaster mitigation and resilient construction to lessen the impact and cost of future disasters. Passed the House 398-23 (House amendment to H.R. 302, [Roll Call #407](#)). ACEC supported passage.
9. **WRDA Reauthorization** – H.R.8, the Water Resources Development Act of 2018 authorizes funding for new Army Corps of Engineers projects and modifications to previously authorized projects. The measure also reauthorizes federal dam and levee safety programs and includes project delivery reforms and provisions to make it easier for non-federal entities to partner with the Corps on water resources projects. H.R. 8 passed the House 408-2. [House Roll Call Vote 238](#). H.R. 8 was later included as Title I of S. 3021, America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 that passed the House in a voice vote. ACEC supported passage.